

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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5th Sunday of Easter

15th May 2022

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Sunday : **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**

Tuesday - Friday : **9.15 am**

Saturday : **8 am** (*followed by Exposition of the Holy Sacrament and Reconciliation*)

Reconciliation : Saturday 8.30 am or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday

9 am - 3 pm

Dear friends,

Our first readings in the Easter Season all come from the **Acts of the Apostles**, and week by week, we have heard various stories of the growth and development of the early Church. Our First Reading today comes from that part of **Acts** which describes the end of what we now call Paul's **First Missionary Journey**. Paul and Barnabas return from their journey, returning to the places they had visited on the way, **putting fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith**. Being a disciple of the Risen Christ is never a solo activity. We are disciples together in a community. One of the ways in which I find fresh heart is always given to me as parish priest is the generosity and kindness of so many parishioners who give of their time and talent in so many ways to support our Parish. Let us continue to work together and walk as a community of disciples of the Risen Christ.

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING | Acts 14:21-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,

to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING | Apocalypse 21:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL | John 13:31-33,34-35

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the
Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears
fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Sunday Liturgy @ Home;

For adults

For families with young children

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

(for Sunday 22nd of May)

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
8.30am	Sr. Loretta (E) Joe Cerritelli (I)	Barbara Odachowski Vincenza Pizzichetta
10.30am	Lucia Ragnanese Joe Ragnanese	Joanne Allison Maree Sequerah
5.30pm	Jacinta Beckley Catherine Taylor	Maurice Passuello

ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Friday 20 May, 9.45 am	May
Team 4	Rosa Farfalla

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dermott Kevin d'Arcy

(Funeral: 13 May, 11am, at St. Monica's Church)

Gennaro Spinazzola

(Funeral: 26 May, 11am, at St. Monica's Church)

Joseph Sammut

ANNIVERSARIES

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Catherine Butler;	Marlene Butler
Maree Hagers;	Sally Holmes
Gertrude Leslie;	Phyllis Perry

PRAY FOR: our elders and the sick

Marius Fernando;	Dantina Frederico;
Stella Mammone;	Gino Salvo;
Rosa Di Pietro;	Lucia Bordin;
Leo Gillman;	Stephanie Jouhari;
Jillian Eolzella;	Loretta Bastian;
Caterina Timpano;	Charlie Tiang;
Lena Savoia;	Anne Ryan;
Margaret Whelan;	Geraldine MacKen;
John Morello Snr;	Anna Vogl;
Andrew Pike;	Paul Duffy;
Giuseppina Mammone;	
Anna & Garry Henneken	

STAFF NEWS

In recent weeks, our Parish Secretary **Sonya Bading** has tendered her resignation in order to become a full-time carer for her aging parents. We thank Sonya for her innumerable contributions to our Parish and wish her every blessing for the future.

Our Parish Accountant, **Bernard Angel**, has also tendered his resignation as he prepares for some significant surgery. We wish Bernard a very speedy recovery and return to full health very soon.

It goes without saying that these two departures leave a significant hole in our administrative team. In the coming weeks, Fr. Tony will be working with the Human Resources Unit of the Archdiocese to work out the best way forward.

!! ATTENTION: HOME COMMUNION VISITORS

If you bring Communion to the sick, elderly parishioners and/or family member(s), please see Fr. Andrew after Sunday Mass this weekend so as to provide you with further information. We thank you for your time and effort as a minister of the pastoral care of the sick.

If you can't see Fr. Andrew this weekend, please call the office on 9370 5035 between Parish office hours (9-3 pm, Tue-Fri).

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Our parish has a number of people who are no longer able to come to Mass and are ministered to by fellow parishioners, but we need more! Would you like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Communion to the Sick? *We are seeking expressions of interest to become part of this ministry. Please see Fr. Tony or Fr. Andrew.*

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: CHURCH VACUUMING

Our rostered vacuuming groups are in need of additional members. The commitment is once a month for maybe 60 to 90 mins. at a time. There are groups on Thursdays and Fridays. *If you would like to know more, please email your details to mooneeponds@cam.org.au and someone will get in touched with you.*

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers will be asked to provide their WWCC and Covid Vaccination Certificate. In some Ministry, we will also need a valid National Police Check.

Further information will follow after you initial expression of interest to volunteer.



SAINTS IN MAY

- ◆ 14/May - St. Matthias, *Apostle*
- ◆ 18/May - St. John I, *Pope/Martyr*
- ◆ 20/May - St. Bernardino of Siena, *Priest*

SUPPORT MY PARISH

CDFPay for Parishes enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments – you can set-up a recurring payment or you can choose a one-off offering.

The Moonee Ponds site is live and found at

<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=96>

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We welcome our St Monica's Primary School Children with their families who are enrolling to receive their first sacrament – the Sacrament of Reconciliation in June.

We pray for and wish them well as they prepare for this very important sacrament.

TRUE NORTH - Young Adults Gathering

- Every 2nd Sunday 6.30 pm, at Symons Centre
- Next Gathering: **Sunday 12th of June**

The gathering will start with a light supper and social, then a short presentation and faith discussion.

If you have any enquiries, please see Fr. Andrew or email via truenorth90stable@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Interested in volunteering? Moonee Ponds Conference is looking for new members.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's members and volunteers provide practical support, advocacy and friendship to the most vulnerable in our community by providing hope, comfort and dignity to disadvantaged people, trapped by their circumstances due to sickness, job loss, mental illness and family breakdown. The majority of assistance provided by the Society is through local groups, known as conferences.

For more information, contact the Parish office on 9370 5035 or mooneeponds@cam.org.au.



ALPHA IS HERE!

What is Alpha all about?

Why do 20 million people recommend it?

How is it relevant to me?

- St. Monica's Symons Centre, Moonee Ponds
- Thursdays, from 5th of May to 7th of July 2022
- 7 pm – 9.15 pm

If you have any enquiries and/or want to register, please contact Adrian Commadeur on 0403 512 936 or email via mooneeponds@cam.org.au.



CORPUS CHRISTI SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY

The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on Saturday 28 May.



It is an opportunity for men, who are over 18 years old and discern the priestly vocation, to

visit the seminary, hear from the seminarians and staff, and to celebrate Evening Prayer with Archbishop Peter and join him for a BBQ dinner.

Please see Fr. Tony or Fr. Andrew for further information.

"Our vocation isn't about our profession or career path. Rather it refers to the very specific way God is calling us to love others. Although your specific calling will be unique to you, there are four 'categories' of vocation that the Church uses to help us discern God's plan: marriage, single life, priesthood and religious life. In each of these four ways of life, God calls us to freely and generously respond to his call. By living out our vocation, we experience deep fulfilment and joy."

LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS EVERY DAY!

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am / St Patrick's Cathedral

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Catholic Theological College

Series of short sessions: online via Zoom

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session, running 3 to 28 May 2022. *Booking, payment and further information:* ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/.



SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Feeney

- Fridays at 7 pm via Zoom
- [Click here for Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 750 3236 9165
- Passcode: 282664



Please take a bulletin to home and read though.
Have a blessed week in Christ.

READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 22nd of May for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

FIRST READING | Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. *(R.)*

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. *(R.)*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. *(R.)*

SECOND READING | Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city,

coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL | John 13:31-33,34-35

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,
I pray not only for these,
but for those also
who through their words will believe in me.
May they all be one.
Father, may they be one in us,
as you are in me and I am in you,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.
I have given them the glory you gave to me,
that they may be one as we are one.
With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realise that it was you who sent me
and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.
Father, I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the glory you have given me
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Father, Righteous One,
the world has not known you,
but I have known you,
and these have known that you have sent me.
I have made your name known to them
and will continue to make it known,
so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,
and so that I may be in them.'